المجلس الإسلامي الأوروبي
Islamic Council of Europe

13th June, 1980.

Excellency,

We have received information to the effect that the Ethiopian army, supported by the Soviet Union, is about to launch a genocidal war against the Eritrean people. Such indications as the arrival of 200 new Russian advisors, 200 troop-lifting helicopters, 24 helicopter gunship and above all, the supply of lethal nerve gas (know as G A), point to preparations for a full-scale war of annihilation directed against the helpless people of Eritrea.

The Islamic Council of Europe strongly believes that the United Nations which is responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, the protection of Human Rights as laid down in the Universal Declaration and has a responsibility for the Eritreans, who were recognised as a people in Resolution 390 (V) of the General Assembly in 1950, is competent to deal with this matter. We request you most urgently to:

i) call on the Ethiopian Government to refrain from using this gas,

ii) send a team to Eritrea to investigate both the use of lethal weapons and the gross and continuing breaches of human rights being perpetrated against them by the Ethiopian Government and,

iii) use your good offices to secure a solution to this problem in association with the Organisation of African Unity, who are also competent to act under their responsibility embodied in Articles 2 & 3 of their Charter, following the principles adopted under the OAU Resolution of 21st, July 1964 ensuring the intangibility of frontiers inherited from colonialism.

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Your most urgent attention to this matter is requested. We have reason to believe that an attack on Eritrean people and the release of this gas is imminent.

Assuring your excellency of my highest esteem.

Sincerely Yours,

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